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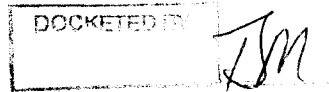


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Mr. Greg Sorensen
Vice President & General Manager
Liberty Utilities
12725 W. Indian School Road, Suite D-101
Avondale, Arizona 85392

RE: RIO RICO UTILITIES INC. - APPLICATION FOR A RATE INCREASE
DOCKET NO. WS-02676A-12-0196

Dear Mr. Sorensen:

This letter (per section R14-2-103 B.7 of the Arizona Administrative Code) is to inform you that your application, received on May 31, 2012, meets the sufficiency requirements as outlined in Arizona Administrative Code R-14-2-103. Your utility has been classified as a Class B Utility. Staff's testimony is due to be docketed on or about December 31, 2012, and the ultimate due date of the Commission Order finalizing the case will be due on or about June 27, 2013.

The Staff person assigned to your application is Mary Rimback. She can be reached at (602) 542-1331, or toll free at (800) 222-7000, if you have any questions or concerns.

Sincerely,

Nancy Scott

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Chief, Financial & Regulatory Analysis Section
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